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INTRODUCTION

This collection of Smoot family papers was made by Thomas Randolph Smoot and Mrs. William A. Ausban (Clara Virginia King), his granddaughter. They were deposited in the Manuscript section by Mrs. Ausban.

Literary rights are reserved to the following descendants of Thomas R. Smoot: Mrs. W.A. Ausban, Mr. William Lee King, Mr. Jason Randolph King, Mrs. Eldon Newsom, Mrs. I.W. Sheppard, Mrs. J.T. Berry, Jr., and Mr. Benjamin H. Smoot. This shall not restrict the copying of information from the records, but applies where information in the collection would be of sufficient importance to the published for sale.

The materials in this collection measure 1.6 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Smoot Collection may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Smoot collection, 1854-1939, consisting of approximately 300 items, 20 small account books and 22 volumes, includes two Bibles, several Testaments, diaries, genealogical data, correspondence, numerous separate photographs of members of the family, one picture album, clippings, sketches, and memorabilia collected by Thomas Randolph Smoot and Mrs. William Ausban (Clara Virginia King), his granddaughter.

The bulk of the material is genealogical in nature, and includes extensive research and correspondence of Mrs. Ausban on the Campbell, Given, Kenney, Sherer, and Smoot families. Charts are included showing the relationship of the lines.

The earliest items (1854-1855) pertain to lands in Obion County, Tennessee, property of Joseph P. Evans who married Narcissa P. Smoot, elder sister of Thomas R. Smoot. Also among the early records is a list of the members of the Huntingdon Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon (Carroll County), Tennessee, 1857.

There are several items of Civil War interest. These include diaries of Thomas R. Smoot, a member of the 22nd Regiment Tennessee Volunteers, in which he describes the "Battle of the 7th," Belmont, Mo., Nov. 7, 1861 and his participation under the command of Col. Tom J. Freeman, in the battle of Shiloh. One of the diaries contains a list of the "Carroll Invincibles Co. C" and a certificate of parole of Thomas R. Smoot, May 2, 1865.

Also of interest are seventeen items of correspondence from Dolf Smoot, son of Thomas and Appoline Smoot, written while he was on duty in the Philippines (1899-1902). One letter dated Jan. 24, 1900 enclosed a detailed sketch of Bacolod, Negros, Philippine Islands, showing location of stores, parks, wells, etc., with notations of the usual activities of the troops stationed nearby.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Accounts – Smoot, Thomas R.; Evans, Elwood etc. 1884-1920
2. Bibles – Richmond K. Smoot, Appoline Campbell Smoot and others
3. Bible – Thomas Randolph Smoot
4. Biographical Data – Dr. John Neff Smoot (1840-1885)

Box 2

1. Correspondence – Business – 1854-1939
2. Correspondence – Smoot, Dolf – Incoming – 1900-1902
3. Correspondence – Smoot, Dolf – Outgoing – 1899-1901
4. Correspondence – Smoot, Thomas R. and Appoline Smoot in re: Dolf Smoot – 1902-1906
5. Correspondence – Smoot, Thomas Randolph; family, etc. 1858-1906.
6. Diaries – Evans, Joseph F. – 1848; composition book- Smoot, Margery Ann - 1856
7. Diaries – Smoot, Thomas R. Civil War – 1861-1863
8. Diaries – Letterbooks – Smoot, Thomas R. – 1855-1866

Box 3

1. Documents – Legal – Deeds, Marriage License, Privilege License etc. – 1861-1918
2. Documents – Military – Confederate Parole – Smoot, Thomas R. – 1865
3. Documents – Military – Spanish American War – Smoot, Thomas R. – 1865
4. Genealogical Data – Campbell Family
5. Genealogical Data – Funeral notices
6. Genealogical Data – Given Family
7. Genealogical Data – Huntingdon Presbyterian Church – List of members – 1857
8. Genealogical Data – Kenney Family
9. Genealogical Data – Sherer Family
10. Genealogical Data – Smoot family
11. Land Surveys – Evans, Jos. Property, Obion County etc. 1855-1913
12. Memorabilia
13. Newspaper Clippings
14. Organizations – Certificates of membership – Smoot family

Box 4

1. Photographs – Family
2. Published Material
 - a. *The Elementary Spelling Book* by Noah Webster, LL.D, New York, 1857 (Blue Back Speller)
 - b. *Parliamentary Principles in their Application to the Courts of the Presbyterian Church in Sixteen Articles* by Rev. Richmond K. Smoot, D.D., Louisville, Webb and Breeding, 1875
 - c. *Presbyterianism for the People*, by Rev. Robert P. Kerr, Philadelphia, Presbyterian Board of Education
 - d. *Rules Governing Employees of the Illinois Central Railroad Co.*, Chicago, Rand McNally, 1891
 - e. *The Soldiers Handbook* by N. Hershler, Washington, Govt. Printing Office, 1900.
3. Recipes – cures for diseases – memorandum book
4. Sketches – Articles